



Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Monday, January 26, 2009
City of Rock Falls City Council
Rock Falls, Illinois

Project: FAP 309 (US 30)
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110) PE 1
Whiteside County
Job No. P-92-107-07

Attendees:

Bob Thurm (City of Rock Falls-Alderman)
Lee Folsom (City of Rock Falls-Alderman)
Mark Vandersnick (City of Rock Falls-Alderman)
David Blanton (City of Morrison-Mayor)
Daehle Reitzel (City of Rock Falls-Alderman)
Brian Snow (City of Rock Falls-Alderman)
Mark Searing (City of Rock Falls)
Richard Downey (City of Rock Falls-City Administrator)
Sylvia Frey (City of Rock Falls-Secretary)

Project Study Group:

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Rebecca Marruffo (IDOT)
Gil Janes (HR Green)

Handouts (see attachment):

Power Point- US 30 Fulton to Rock Falls, Illinois Project Update

Meeting Purpose

Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the Rock Falls City Council to present a project update.

The presentation included a summary of the project update:

- Project Initiation & Public Informational Open House June 2007
- Project Study Group (PSG) made up of State and Federal Agencies was formed
- Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed to represent the community interests
- Environmental Studies begun
- Survey Work initiated
- Roadway Corridors Developed by CAG
- Project Purpose and Need (P&N) approved
- Corridors analyzed using P&N, Engineering & Environmental Issues
- Corridors identified to focus Study of Alignments

Listed below is an outline of the presentation:

- Development of the Corridors by the Community Advisory Group
- Screening Process
- Summary of CAG Input & Recommendations
- Project Timeline
- Next Steps

Study Team Presentation

Dawn Perkins opened the meeting by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the officials for agreeing to meet with the team. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the City of Rock Falls City Council on the project status before the upcoming public information open house.

Gil Janes presented an overview of the project update, summary of the CAG meetings, and reviewed the screening process and methods used to obtain the current corridors that will be studied further.

The study team closed the meeting by thanking the officials again for their time and ongoing commitment to support the project.

Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Questions:

Q: What are the existing traffic counts on US 30 between Rock Falls and Morrison as compared to 1st Avenue across the bridge in Morrison?

A: Follow-up to be provided

Q: What impact will a potential bypass of Morrison have on existing businesses along the present corridor?

A: Studies in other communities have shown that businesses along the existing corridor continue to draw patrons from the local community, and business expands to the new highway corridor.

Q: Where would a north bypass be in relation to the historic covered bridge?

A: The north corridor alternative as it is presently shown is north of the historic covered bridge.

Q: Have you considered the bike trail and trail system north of Morrison?

A: Yes. Information about the bike trail system has been provided to the study team.

Q: What is the typical growth of traffic along the corridor used for planning purposes?

A: For planning purposes, the background traffic trend line was projected to increase in a linear growth rate of ½ of 1 percent per year over the planning period.

Q: Will the route north of Morrison reduce the number of railroad crossings?

A: Yes. This is, in fact, one of the primary advantages of a northerly route.

Q: What is the cost per mile of the proposed roadway?

A: The cost has not been determined at this point. No decision has been made about whether this will be a 2-lane or 4-lane roadway cross-section. There are too many unknowns to respond with any degree of certainty at this time.

Q: Is Moline Road to IL 40 still included in the study?

A: Yes. This portion of the corridor is being evaluated and improvements will be considered consistent with the project purpose and need.

Q: What would happen to US 30 if the alignment changed?

A: The existing alignment would remain open and operational and serve as a local access road to farms, businesses and homes in the local area.

Comments:

- This route is important because of the landfill, future development and the Wal-Mart distribution center.
- At one time, I-88 only had a few cars on it. On some days now it is practically bumper to bumper.



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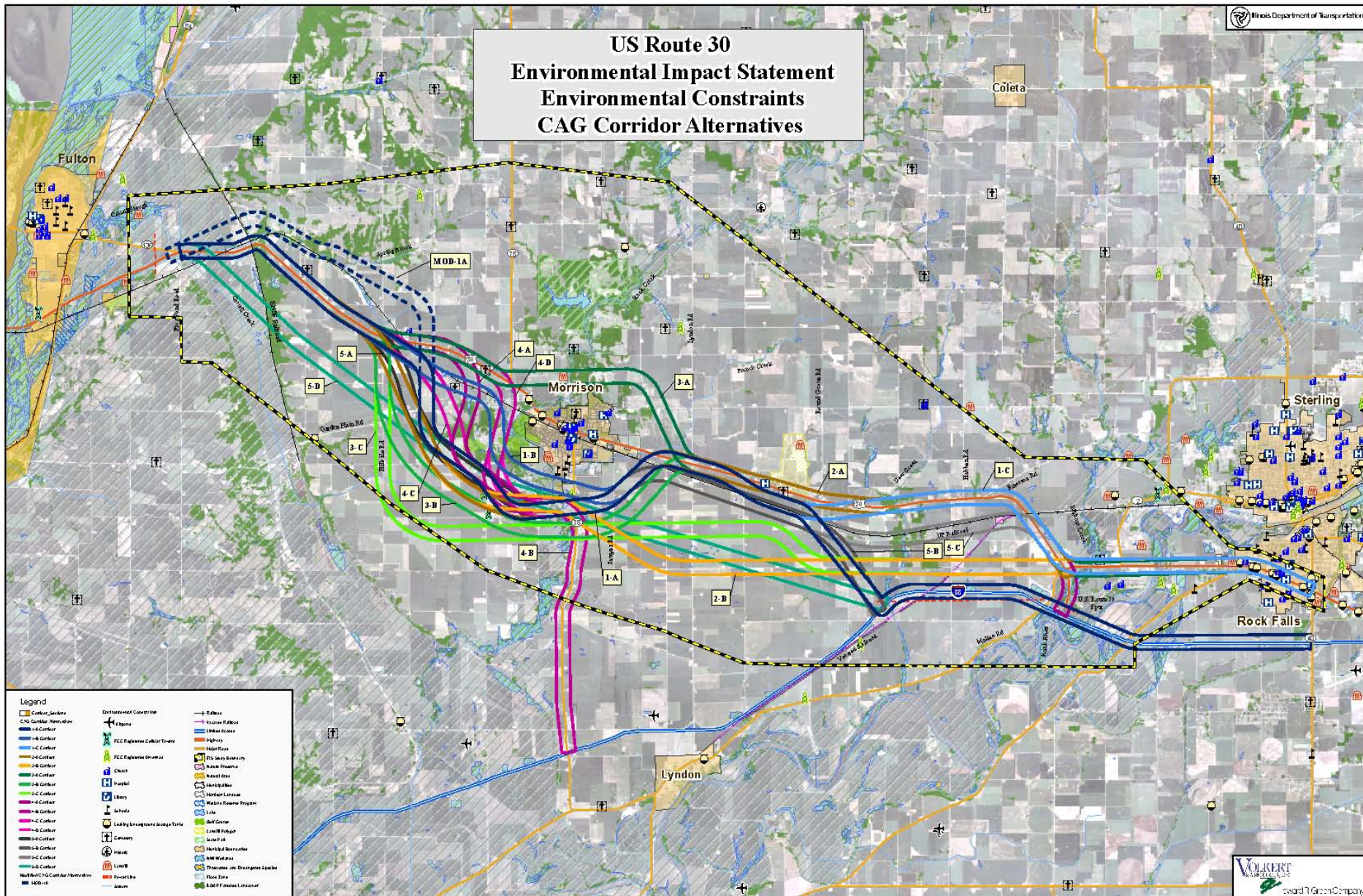
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Development of the Corridors by the Community Advisory Group (CAG)



US Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Constraints CAG Corridor Alternatives



Break Project into sections, Combine, Establish Corridors in each section



Screening Process

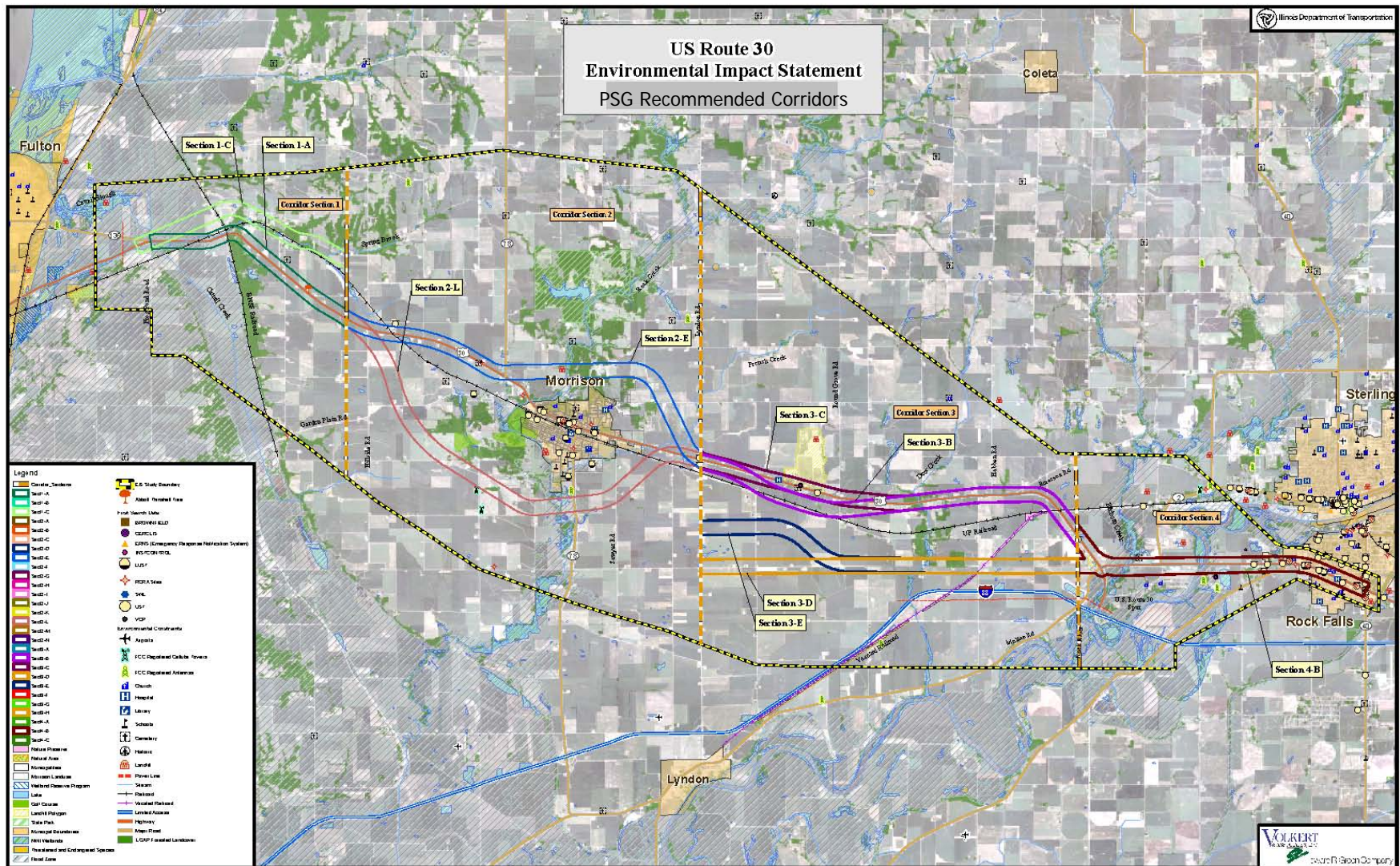
(Step 4 – Screen against the Purpose & Need Statement)

- ▶ Reduce Traffic Congestion
- ▶ Improve Traffic Capacity
- ▶ Improve Safety
- ▶ Accommodate Freight
- ▶ Establish Roadway Continuity



(Result of Steps 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Screen Corridors against Engineering & Environmental factors



Summary of CAG Input & Recommendations



Section 1 – CAG Consensus : Recommend **1A**

Section 2 – CAG Consensus : Recommend **2L**

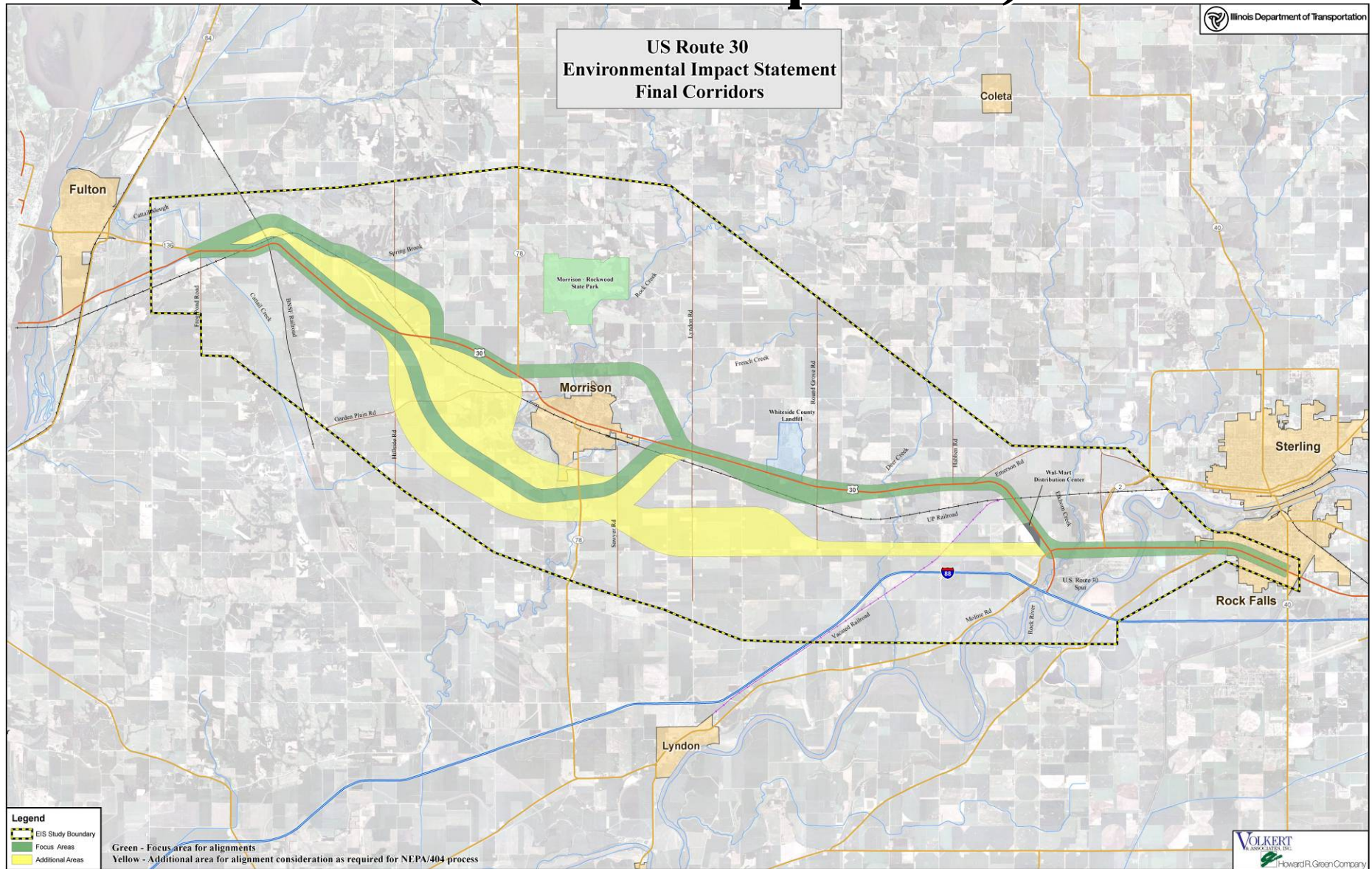
Section 3 – No Consensus - **3B & 3C** generally accepted

Section 4 – No Consensus - **4B**

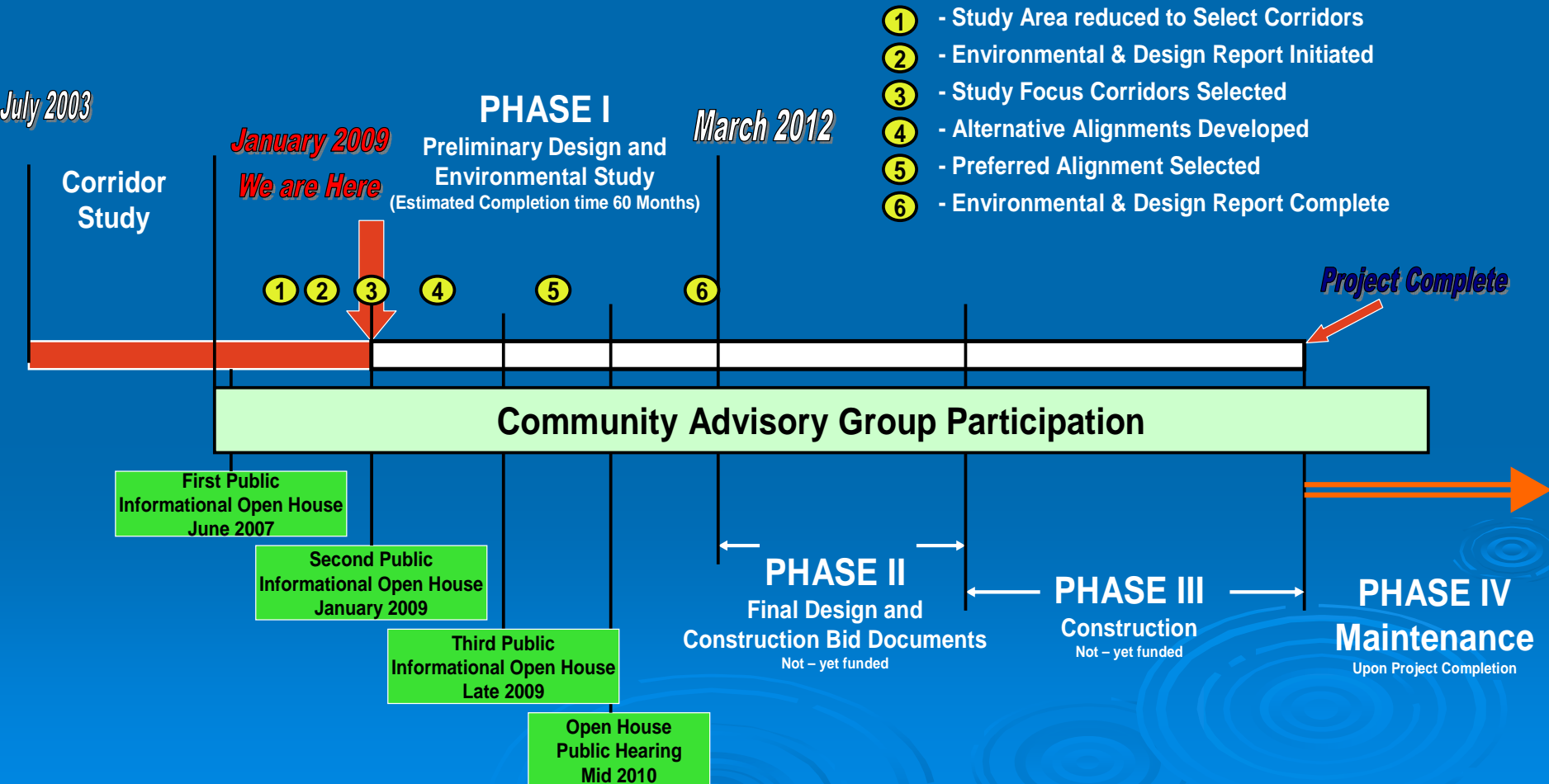


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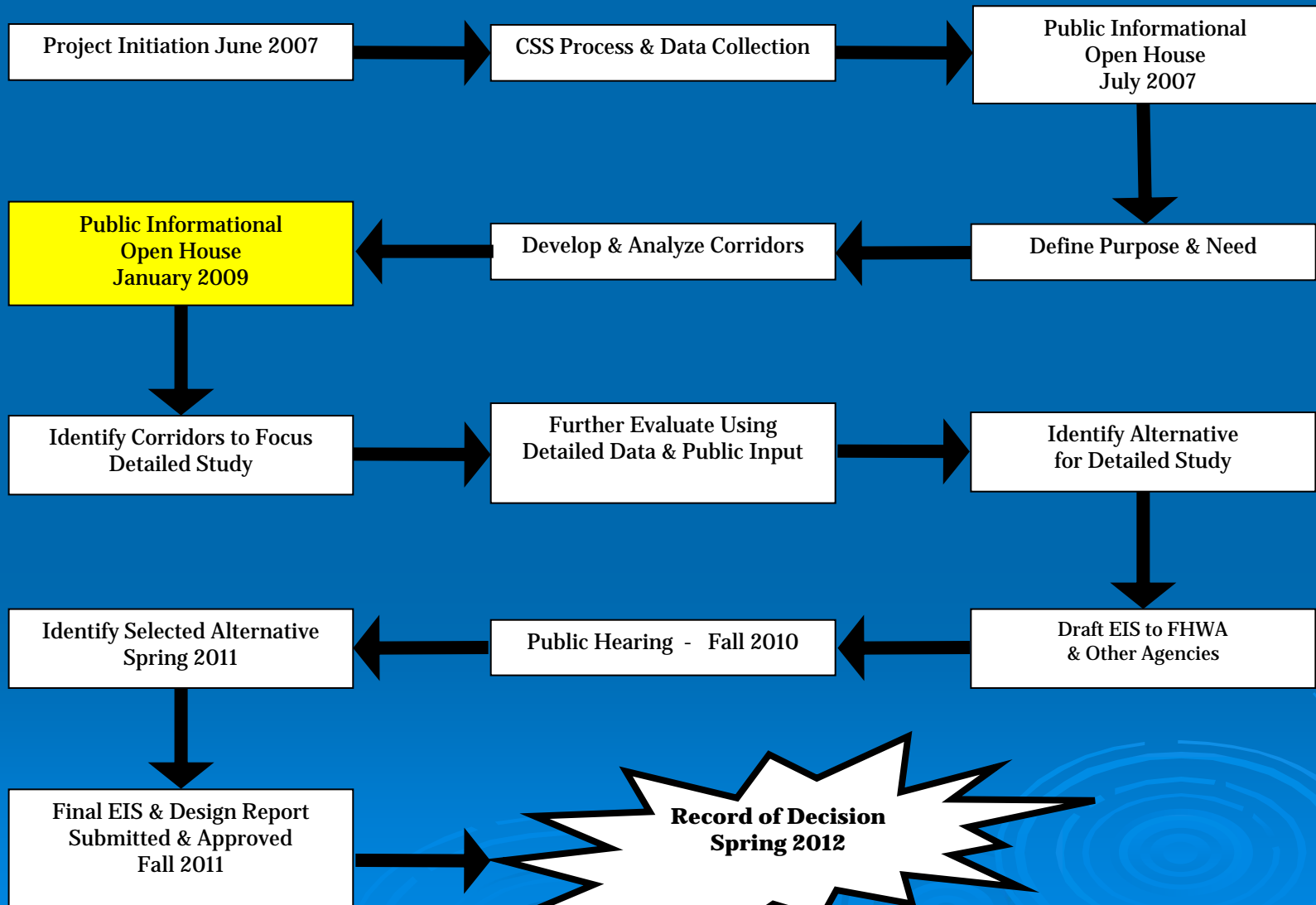
(Result of Steps 9 & 10)



Project Timeline



Next Steps





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